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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana Oval, used extensively during warm spring days for sunbathing, studying and Frisbee tossing, will be the starting point for a moratorium Tuesday night and Wednesday (May 4-5) led by an anti-war group of protesters known as the Spring Offensive.

Possibly as many as several hundred students and nonstudents will gather in the Oval at 6 o'clock tonight (May 4) for a rally launching the moratorium, a protest against U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia. Some of the participants are slated to sleep in the Oval overnight.

Dr. E.W. Pfeiffer, a UM professor of zoology, will speak during a showing of recently acquired Viet Cong films at the Tuesday moratorium vigil in the Oval. Dr. Pfeiffer's lecture and films are scheduled for 9 o'clock tonight (May 4).

A Spring Offensive March is scheduled for Wednesday (May 5) at 11:30 a.m. on campus, and is slated to include a march downtown, a street rally, discussions, a protest in which a number of Vietnam veterans are slated to turn in medals won overseas.

The march downtown Wednesday is scheduled to include a visit to the Selective Service office in the Florence Hotel.

In a statement regarding the Spring Offensive, UM President Robert T. Pantzer said: "This is not a University-sponsored activity. The right of dissent, including peaceful demonstration, has always been the right and choice of the citizen on this campus according to each individual's own persuasion. I therefore urge a peaceful and orderly observance. This institution exists for the pursuit of education by the student. Thus, classes will continue in accordance with the regular established class schedule."